

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CERTIFIED PARTNERS

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Montana Department of Commerce Certified Partners, are economic development professionals that have completed ELearning, webinar trainings on Commerce Business Finance Programs. These professionals completed six courses that covers application processes, and administration procedures for publically-funded projects. The programs included in the trainings are:

**Big Sky Trust Fund Program
Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development Program
Primary Sector Workforce Training Grant Program**

Certified Partner List

BIG SKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Business Plan Consulting, Financial Analysis, Loan Packaging, Training, Funding, Marketing, Tax Incentives, Business Recruitment, Retention, Community Re-Development, Grant Seeking, Project Planning, Manufacturing Expertise Serving Southeastern Montana, Yellowstone County and the following communities: Billings, Acton, Ballantine, Broadview, Custer, Huntley, Laurel, Pompey's Pillar, Shepherd and Worden.

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BITTERROOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. (BREDD)

BREDD is the federally designated economic development district for Western Montana Region covering Ravalli, Mineral, and Missoula counties. BREDD is responsible for regional

economic development planning and collaborates with various private and public sector agencies to accomplish this goal.

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BUTTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BLDC)

The BLDC works as the lead economic development agency for the creation and retention of jobs through economic expansion in Butte-Silver Bow.

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EASTERN PLAINS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EPEDC)

Focuses on economic development in a six-county region including: Carter, Dawson, Fallon, Prairie, and Wibaux Counties in Eastern Montana.

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EUREKA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, INC.

Serving Northeast Lincoln and Northwest Flathead Counties in Montana promoting rural economic development, assisting businesses with start-up, expansion, job retention and relocation issues.

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FAIRVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As Montana's eastern most and North Dakotas western most town, Fairview has the unique feature of two states meeting on Interstate Avenue more commonly known to residents as State Street. Part of the town lies in North Dakota, while the majority is in Montana. The Chamber is active in developing and promoting a range of economic development activities.

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GREAT FALLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GFDA)

A public-private partnership whose mission is to lead Great Falls economic development efforts to promote growth, diversification, and the creation of high wage jobs. The GFDA focuses on 13 counties stretching from the Eastern slope of the Rockies to north to the Alberta border.

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KALISPELL – COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City of Kalispell, Community & Economic Development Department works with non-profit and for-profit developers and financial institutions to create affordable housing, economic development and job creation within the City of Kalispell.

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LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LCCDC)

The Mission of Lake County Community Development Corporation is to enhance the quality of life and economic well-being of all residents of Lake County and the Flathead Indian Reservation.

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MADISON COUNTY GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR

Grant opportunities for a department, local municipality, or organizations.

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MONTANA BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CONNECTION (MBAC)

A non-profit, member supported, economic development organization in Helena. MBAC helps to retain and create new jobs in Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, and Meagher counties. MBAC is dedicated to encouraging and supporting business expansion, retention and relocation by providing access to business consulting, financing, professional development and economic research.

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MONTANA COMMUNITY FINANCE CORPORATION (MCFC)

MCFC a Certified Development Company licensed and regulated by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to deliver 504 loan financing. MCFC's role is to package, process, close and service SBA 504 loans in the state of Montana. Their mission is to stimulate growth and expansion of small business and employment in Montana.

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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Billings Workforce Center - As Montana's economy grows, and workforce and work places evolve to adapt to expanding technologies, we are working to make certain Montana's labor laws are understood by providing educational forums, local resource rooms, and proactive communications. Assistance to Business Clinics continues to be conducted.

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MONTANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION (MEDA)

Professionally lead economic developers, business specialists, government employees, and staff members of affiliated non-profit organizations, which promote and foster economic development activities in Montana.

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PONDERA REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY

Created in 2004 to stimulate and develop commerce, and create opportunities for employment. The authority works towards the advancement of general welfare and prosperity within Pondera County.

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PROSPERA BUSINESS NETWORK

Offers a variety of small business resources designed to facilitate growth and development, challenge, and inspire regional business communities in the Bozeman area.

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RAVALLI COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RCEDA)

The RCEDA promotes, stimulates, develops and advances the general welfare, commerce, economic development and prosperity for Ravalli County.

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RICHLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A non-profit, county-wide, economic development corporation located in Eastern Montana. Richland County Development Corporation assists potentially new or existing businesses, and also administers Revolving Loan Funds.

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SNOWY MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SMDC)

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SWEETGRASS DEVELOPMENT

Sweetgrass Development offers a variety of economic and community development services, small business technical assistance including start up and planning, grant writing and administration, and business recruitment and retention for the Blackfeet Nation, Cascade, Glacier, Pondera, Teton and Toole counties.

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TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS

Triangle Communications is able to assist with two unique interest-free loan programs and web design which can help strengthen and improve the economies within Triangle's service area.

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